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FATDOOR, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
NEXTDOOR.COM, INC.,
Defendant.

Case No. [14-cv-02335-BLF](#)

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL**

Re: ECF No. 24

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13 Before the Court is the Administrative Motion to Withdraw as Counsel filed by Scott J.
14 Allen and Bruno W. Tarabichi on June 26, 2014. (Admin. Mot., ECF 24)¹ Messrs. Allen and
15 Tarabichi seek to withdraw from their representation of Plaintiff Fatdoor, Inc., which is
16 represented by other counsel. Plaintiff filed a “Response” on June 27, 2014, requesting that this
17 Court grant the motion with respect to Mr. Tarabichi, but deny the motion with respect to Mr.
18 Allen. (Pl.’s Resp., ECF 25)

19 Although Messrs. Allen and Tarabichi cited Civil Local Rule 11-5 in their motion, that rule
20 is inapplicable where, as here, a party continues to be represented by other counsel. Under the
21 present circumstance, counsel must file a Notice of Change in Counsel and may withdraw without
22 leave of court. Civ. L.R. 5-1(c)(2)(C). Plaintiff has not identified any contrary authority
23 permitting it to object to Mr. Allen’s withdrawal when Plaintiff continues to be represented by
24 other counsel. Nor has Plaintiff articulated any specific prejudice from Mr. Allen’s withdrawal of
25 representation other than the typical loss of institutional knowledge that is to be expected when
26 counsel withdraws from a case. As Plaintiff continues to be represented by other counsel from the

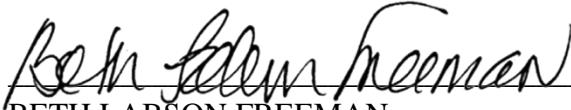
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28 ¹ This is a re-filing of an administrative motion originally filed on June 23, 2014, (ECF 12), before
the case was re-assigned to this Court.

1 same entity, the Court does not find its argument sufficiently persuasive to prevent Mr. Allen from
2 withdrawing representation.

3 For the foregoing reasons, the Administrative Motion to Withdraw as Counsel is
4 GRANTED as to both Scott J. Allen and Bruno W. Tarabichi.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 Dated: July 2, 2014


7 BETH LABSON FREEMAN
8 United States District Judge